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PARIS FOR LABATT

FOL REPEAT OF NEW DELHI 3971 DATED 14 MAR 78 SENT ACTION
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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ELAB, TS
SUBJECT: ACHOUR SITUATION

1. ENROUTE AIRPORT, LABATO SAW THAMEUR ACHOUR.
EMBASSY MAY WISH INCORPORATE FOLLOWING IN
COMMUNICATION TO WASHINGTON OR MAINTAIN AS BACKGROUND:

2. ACCORDING THAMEUR, HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER
(HABIB JR.) SAW HABIB ACHOUR 9 MARCH, 1978 (HER
FIRST VISIT, HABIB JR'S SECOND, SINCE SENIOR'S
ARREST). CONTRARY TO RUMORS, HE AND 40-ODD UGTT
EX-OFFICIALS STILL HELD MINISTRY INTERIOR, NOT
TRANSFERRED MINISTRY JUSTICE.

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3. ACHOUR, IN PRESENCE POLICE MONITOR, PROTESTED
BITTERLY 43-DAY DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES, CONDITIONS
OF DETENTION--CRAMPED ROOM WITH LITTLE SUN, AIR,
EXERCISE, SIGNIFICANTLY, HE MENTIONED THAT SURETE
"HAD YET TO ASK HIM THEIR FIRST QUESTION" I.E.
INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED WITHOUT DIRECT

INTERROGATION OF ACHOUR AS YET.

4. ACHOUR ASKED HIS WIFE (THAMEUR'S MOTHER) TO CONTACT IRVING BROWN, REQUEST HE TRY AGAIN CONVINCE NOUIRA TO ALLOW PERSONAL VISIT. (ACCORDING THAMEUR, COUNSEL HAS NOT YET SEEN ACHOUR).

5. TABKA INFORMED THAMEUR THAT UGTT SENDING HIM LETTER RELIEVING HIM OF DUTIES AS MANAGER UNION-OWNED TRAVEL AGENCY. LETTER WILL ALLEGE "ECONOMIC SABOTAGE"; ACCUSE THAMEUR OF DISCOURAGING EUROPEAN TOURIST TRADE TO TUNISIA.

6. LABATT NOTED ACHOUR RESIDENCE STILL UNDER CONTINUAL POLICE SURVEILLANCE DAYLIGHT HOURS.
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